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Title: MEANS AND METHOD OF REPLACING A HEART...

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 09/25/00, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1: line 3 change "currently pending" to --now abandoned
--, and line 5, change "currently pending" to --now US Patent
6,042,607--.

Please delete the second copies of pages 74 and 75.

Page 31: line 2, change "Figures 50A and 50B show" to --
Figure 50 shows--

Page 67: lines 7, change "Figures 50A" to --Figure 50-- and
line 8 change "and 50B which show" to --which shows--.

Please amend the drawings as indicated in red on the
accompanying copies thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3: line 1, change "tool" to --combination --; and

after "wherein each fastener" insert --of the tool--.

Claim 5: line 1, change "tool" to --combination--.

Claim 6: line 1, change "tool" to --combination--; and after

"the fastener" insert --of the tool--.

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